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An automated process performs monthly criminal history and weekly Central Registry checks. The named licensed caregivers are cleared for arrests and criminal convictions.

Note: This activity is currently restricted to those currently listed on MDHHS systems and does not include other adults in the home. Manual criminal history and central registry checks for all other adult household members **must** be completed quarterly by the local MDHHS office and documented in the case service plan. MDHHS monitors must complete this activity for PAFC cases.

Good Moral Character Offenses

The offenses listed in BCAL Pub 673, Good Moral Character, presume a lack of good moral character for the purpose of placement of a child within the home of a relative/unrelated caregiver. The automated monthly criminal history process identifies named caregivers convicted of offenses listed in BCAL Pub 673, Good Moral Character.

MDHHS Response to Criminal History and Central Registry Match

A Foster Care Automated Central Registry Match Report or a Foster Care Automated Criminal History Match Report will be issued for each match listing the caregiver's name and offense or central registry information. Monthly match reports are sent to the local office director or district manager. The caseworker may be assigned to complete the monthly match report. Within two weeks of receipt of the report the questions on the report must be answered and the report returned to the MDHHS central office address at the bottom of the report.